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# PITMAN ROAD POST



Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

### FROM DANIEL'S DEN

#### **GENEROUS GIVING**



**Dan Cooper**Connections Minister

Did you know, there was once a time when the people gave so many resources to the church that they were asked to stop giving? It's true. In Exodus 36, the people were giving so much time, money, resources, and materials to the construction of their sanctuary that Moses literally said they had more than enough, asked the ushers to stop halfway down the aisles, and to stop giving.

Well, I don't know if we will ever see that again, but in spite of bad times, you continue to give and I just want to say "thank you." As a result of your generosity, God is doing some amazing things in our church. Because of your generosity and passion for evangelism since we moved into this building, 97 people have made a public declaration of their faith as they were baptized into the body of Christ.

Through our partnership with Samaritan's Purse, 105 children in under-resourced areas were just blessed by the shoebox ministry. They now have new hope and a brighter future. In the last 10 years, over \$100,000 has been given to sponsor and support our mission trips to France. (And our next mission trip to France is scheduled to depart on

June 26, 2021). In the last ten years, tens of thousands of dollars have been donated to support Orphans Lifeline International. During one of the most difficult years in this nation's history, we were able to feed 250 people this year, many which were single mother households. In addition to that, we just provided full Thanksgiving meals for 52 families, including turkeys and fresh pies. You have made over \$6,500 in special donations to support our church pantry this year alone. Also, you just gave \$2,200 to "Choices of the Heart" to help protect the unborn, via the Baby Bottle Campaign. So far this year, you have given over \$20,000 to our Capital Fund, helping to provide for major purchases in and around our building. You not only give financially, you even generously give of your blood (and you can register today for our next blood drive, Sunday, December 13).

I am so proud of you church. When I was at Harding College 50 years ago, I dreamed of ministering to a church in the Northeast, just like us! But more important than me being proud of you, I know God has a smile on His face when He thinks of you and how your generosity is changing our community.

You can give to a lot of worthy organizations who do amazing work, but I don't think there is a better place to invest your resources than right here at Pitman Road Church of Christ. Your resources change people's lives and also have an eternal impact.

I thank my God for you, and for your giving, generous hearts. We are never more like God than we are when we give! - **Dan** 

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

#### NEXT Sunday, December 13 from 9am - 2pm At the Pitman Road Church of Christ



Join us here at the building for another American Red Cross Blood drive. You will truly be a blessing, as your donation will be used to save lives. You will also be tested for the COVID-19 antibodies automatically, and will be able to view your results to see if you ever had the virus.

Due to enhanced safety precautions, donors are being urged to schedule an appointment ahead of time so that we can properly manage the donor flow and number of people at the drive.

To make an appointment, call **1-800-733-2767**, or follow the online instructions below.

- 1. Go to https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive and put in our sponsor code: Pitman Road
- 2. Our blood drive date, location, and time should come up. Click on "See Times".
- 3. There, you will choose an available time slot, and whether you will give a regular blood donation or a power red donation. (If you choose power red, you will be giving twice the amount of red blood cells.)
- 4. Lastly, you will be prompted to either sign in to an existing account or create a new one in order to complete the registration process and secure your time slot.

#### **COOKIE EXCHANGE**

THIS Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 pm At the Pitman Road Church of Christ

We will be holding a cookie exchange at the building this year! Due to COVID restrictions, **YOU MUST RSVP TODAY** if you would like to come. Do this by either telling Dottie or Kate directly, or by contacting either of them by email.

Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in half-dozen packages.

We also ask that you please wear a mask. Hope to see you there!





#### DEARLY LOVED, DEEPLY MISSED

Our sweet Florence Murray, Dottie Grillo's mother, passed on to her reward on November 21, 2020. She was a longtime member of Pitman Road, and wasn't able to attend recently due to health issues, however,

her kind words and loving smile will be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Services to Celebrate the Life of Florence E. Murray will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association for a Cure, Alzheimer's Association Home Office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or www.alz.org/donate.

We pray that God surrounds Dottie and her family with peace, love, and comfort during this time.



# MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

By God's grace and goodness, we have been offered another "Matching Gift Challenge." **Any donations made to our Capital** 

Fund, up to \$10,000, will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous friend of our church.

You may make your gifts to either honor a living friend, or to memorialize a deceased friend or relative. Family members of those who are honored and remembered will be notified that you have made a gift in their/a loved one's memory.

As you write your check to the church, simply add the name of the person you are remembering or honoring to the Memo Section of your check. You can leave your donation in the collection plate, or mail it in to the church office. Blank forms are available at the church building.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to this challenge!



#### SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

Maggie Mansdoerfer is collecting donations for Veteran's Haven Homeless Shelter in Hammonton, NJ. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much in advance!

There are boxes for donations located in the front and back of the foyer. Feel free to come by and drop off your donations any time between now and the deadline, during office hours. The last day to bring in items is Sunday, December 20.

The list of items needed has been sent out via email, and will be sent out a few more times from now until the deadline. If you are not on our email list, see Kate in the church office and she will add you, or she can just print you a copy of the list.

If you have any questions about items that are not on the list, please **contact Maggie** at **856-839-7170** or at **mmansdoer123@gmail.com**.



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you for participation in the **Baby Bottle Campaign for Choices of the Heart**. Diana spoke with the director of the center and she expressed how impressed they were with the number of

checks that were received. They are so grateful for our support! **We gave \$2218.57!** Thank you for your caring spirit, and for choosing to help families in crisis and the unborn. Your actions exemplify our goal to meet others where they are, and to truly make a difference in our community.



Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) - Church Office is Closed Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day) - Church Office is Closed Thursday, December 31 (NYE) - Church Office Closes at Noon Friday, January 1 (NYD) - Church Office is Closed







# CONGRATULATIONS, JONAH PEACHER!

**Jonah** was baptized by his dad this past Sunday, and we're so proud of him! Jonah, we're very excited to watch you continue to grow in your faith, and to (officially) welcome you to the family!

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